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Infrastructure at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing infrastructure facilities at airports are sufficient for handling existing air traffic in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to establish airstrips across the Country to boost aviation sector;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether any place in the State of Kerala is selected for establishing airstrips; and
(f) if so, the details thereof along with fund allocation and status of the projects?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The existing infrastructure facilities at airports are sufficient for handling existing air traffic in the country. The existing annual handling capacity at Indian airports is 283 million passengers as against the demand of 265 million passengers during the year 2016-17. ;;

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted "in-principle" approval for setting up of 18 Greenfield airports in the country. These airports are Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hasan and Shimoga in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Dabra in Madhya Pradesh, Pakyong in Sikkim, Karaikal in Puddducherry, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera in Gujarat and Dagadarthi Mendal, Nellore District, Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram District near Visakhapatnam and Oravakallu in Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh. ;
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(e) & (f): Yes, Madam. GoI has granted in-principle approval for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Kannur in Kerala in January, 2008. The construction work of Kannur Airport has been completed at an approximate cost of Rs. 1892 crores and trial landing has also been conducted at the airport.

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